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## Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella P. Paster  
County Extension Agent

## Basics Of Slow Cooking Are Being Studied

This month Extension Homemakers Club Members will be learning about the basic of slow cooking at the monthly E.H. Club meetings. Dinner that cooks by itself is a dream come true to the user of electric slow-cookers. The go-off-and-leave-it feature alone is responsible for much of the appliances' popularity. The big question is "go off and leave it - for how long?" The answer depends both on the type of cooker and on the food. Keep Free From Stains. Nonstick cooking surfaces on pots, pans and skillets make cleaning easier than

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To correct the problem and renew the surface, make a solution of two tablespoons baking soda, one-half cup liquid chlorine bleach with one to two cups of water. There should be enough solution in these proportions to half fill the utensil. Simmer in the cooking utensil for five minutes. The solution will foam so be careful to avoid getting the mixture on the outside of the utensil; it may



Shaking a can of creamed soup can help keep out lumps.

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## No Will Can Prove Costly

[By Donella P. Paster  
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Many people put off thinking about a will because they don't like thinking about death, but that can mean trouble and major expenses for heirs.

Inflation alone should be reason enough for people to write a will and plan their estate. Your estate may be much larger than you think - thanks to inflation, more corporate fringe benefits and retirement programs, and the increasing value of homes and other real estate.

If you don't say how you want all of this distributed, you can create a lot of trouble and expense for your heirs. "No Will" Cost More. It generally costs more money to die without a will than it does if there is one.

Delays in estate administration that result from "no will" require extra attorney services - along with an increased fee. Also, court costs and other administration fees often are major expense items for the "no will" estate.

On the other hand, a will makes it possible to cut out many of the legal steps that would otherwise be required. A "no will" situation also leaves the heirs vulnerable to the full impact of estate and inheritance taxes. Of course, the exact amount of death tax levied upon a particular estate is dependent upon the amount of money involved and the manner in which the estate is distributed, but a will can lessen the heavy impact of this taxation.

**Estate Plan Saves**  
Making and continually revising an estate plan can lessen the tax amount even more. The Tax Reform Acts of 1976 and 1978 made significant changes in federal tax laws applicable to estates and trusts.

An attorney familiar with estate planning can help you take advantage of the provisions that these laws offer. While estate planning and a will may not be the complete solution to the problems faced by survivors, it is a giant step in the right direction.

You spend considerable time in planning the distribution of those assets to minimize the anxieties of your survivors.

## Ag. Commissioner Requests Exemp. For New Herbicide

Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has requested that the Environmental Protection Agency grant an emergency specific exemption for use of a new herbicide, Machete, to control weeds in rice fields in Texas.

"The current control alternatives require multiple applications, causing some phytotoxicity problems 'on rice,'" Brown said. "This year rice growers are facing a major weed problem because of weather patterns. Also weed population densities have shifted in the past few years with continuous use of treatments that EPA will allow," Brown explained.

Machete, one of several new herbicides, has been demonstrated in large scale field tests over several years to provide several benefits for Texas rice growers.

A broader spectrum of weeds can be controlled with longer residual activity. Fewer applications are necessary with this compound, reducing the amount of herbicide released in the area. There is also an earlier crop maturation and more production from second cuttings of the crop.

"Increased yields and savings of at least one application of herbicide show that the use of Machete combined with Propanil in a tank mix could mean as much as \$60 per acre more net profit per acre," Brown said.

## Planning Needed When Shaping Gullies, Says SCS

[By James S. Alderson  
SCS Range Conservationist]

How many times have you heard the saying "a rose by any other name is still a rose"? Well, a gully by any other name is a critically eroding area. Because they are highly erodible, critical areas cannot be controlled with ordinary conservation treatment and management techniques alone. They must first be shaped and smoothed to allow the use of farm machinery for establishing grass. Success in reclaiming critical areas requires correct timing and managing of each step.

The objective in treating a critical area is to grow a good grass cover. The seeding date must be planned, then, to give the plants the best chance possible of surviving. A quick cover is needed so good conditions for growth must exist for at least six weeks before either high temperatures or a killing frost is expected. All the timing in the world is of no good though, if the right seedbed is not prepared.

To assure a good stand of grass, the soil has to be smooth and firm so the seed or sprig can make contact with the soil. The seedbed must be prepared by December 1 for spring seeding or sprigging and by July 1 for fall seeding or sprigging. This can be done using a disk breaking plow, moldboard, or close-spaced chisel plow, then smoothing with a disk harrow or section harrow. Plowing well ahead of planting time lets the ground firm up and store up moisture. If weeds are present, they can be lightly disked just prior to planting. If the soil is not firm, cultipack or roll at planting time.

For seedbed preparations to be completed on time, the heavy equipment work must be started early enough to have plenty of time for brush clearing if needed, root-plowing, rotary raking, shaping, heavy disking, etc. Save The Topsoil. The most often overlooked item in doing critical area shaping and planting is saving all the topsoil possible. All the topsoil on the sides and bottoms of gullies has long since gone downstream.

Shaping work usually involves land adjacent to the gully out to a width from a few feet to as far as maybe one hundred or more feet, depending on the depth of the gully. The topsoil must be removed and stockpiled on the way. After all shaping work is completed, and just prior to seedbed preparation, the topsoil should be spread evenly over the entire critical area, four to six inches deep.

Anything that involves as much work as critical area shaping and planting costs a lot of money. It is only wise, then, to do all that is possible to plan ahead so that everything is done at the right time and in the right way. Part of this planning must also include plans for seeding the area to establish and maintain a good cover of grass.

Establishment of a stand requires proper fertilization at planting time. Fertilizer can be put out and disked in as the final step in seedbed preparation.

For assistance in planning for and treating a critical area contact the Soil Conservation Service. Their office is located in Columbus, in the County Agricultural Building. The phone number is (713) 732-2773. They have technicians who can help you select proper grass species and give you guidance in shaping the gully, preparing the seedbed, applying fertilizer and planting the grass.

## Houston Livestock Show, Rodeo To Be Biggest Ever

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials have announced that entries for the 1981 Show will exceed 27,000, once again making the mammoth Houston Show the world's largest livestock show.

Don Jobs, Jr., assisting general manager, said that the 22.5 acre livestock exposition facility (including Astrohall and Astrosquare) will once again be filled to capacity with the "finest livestock anyone can see gathered under one roof."

And, to top things off, 10 stars will be performing during the 15 performances of the Rodeo. Things kick off with Anne Murray on February 27, for two performances; Charlie Pride, February 28, two performances; Crystal Gayle, March 1, two performances; The Charlie Daniels Band, one performance, March 2; The Oak Ridge Boys, one performance, March 3; Mac Davis, one performance, March 4; Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band, one performance; March 5; Dolly Parton, one performance, March 6, two performances, March 7; Don Williams, matinee performance only, March 8; and, Waylon Jennings, evening performance only, March 8.

## Garwood and NADA News

Celebrates 87th Birthday  
Mr. and Mrs. John Heiman of Rockwood, Texas spent last Thursday and Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fling and on Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fling and Mr. and Mrs. John Heiman went to Eagle Lake to help Mrs. A. J. Struss celebrate her 87th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt of Mustang, Texas, Mrs. Tommy Janik and baby son, Derek, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Goode and daughter, Vanessa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tipton last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Beasid had surgery in a Houston hospital. Reports are that she is doing fine. All hope she continues to improve.

## Soil Insect Controls In Veg. Gardens

[By Leroy J. Hajdik  
County Extension Agent]

As vegetable gardeners in Colorado County prepare for spring planting, their first step should be to control soil insects. Soil insects can reduce vegetables' quality and yields if left uncontrolled. For effective control, mix insecticides into the soil at a depth of 4-6 inches at least two weeks before the garden plot is planted.

Among destructive soil insects are wireworms, white grubs, seed corn maggots, cabbage maggots, mole crickets, sowbugs, slugs, snails and cutworms. Some destroy plant seeds, roots, tubers and underground stem parts while others cut off young plants at or near the soil surface.

Most soil insects can be controlled with diazinon 25 percent liquid concentration or Spectracide 9000 applied as a 5 percent granule. Granules usually give the best control. If cutworms or sowbugs become a problem after the garden has been planted, broadcast 5 percent Sevin bait over the soil.

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surface. This bait containing metaldehyde will also control slugs and snails. However, it is not formulated to be mixed into soil. Garden sites planted for the first time or those previously in grass or weeds are more likely to harbor damaging numbers of soil pests. Before treating with an insecticide, inspect the garden site by taking soil samples at several locations to a depth of 5 to 6 inches. Remove one square foot section of soil from each location - and - record the number of soil insect pests present. As a general rule, an average of one or more soil insects per sample suggests the need for insecticide treatment.

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A public hearing concerning the proposed State Highway 71 Bypass at LaGrange has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at the K. C. Community Center in LaGrange. Engineering to Carl V. Ramert, District Engineer for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, will be presented at the hearing. "State Highway 71 will be developed as a four-lane divided highway primarily on new location. Grade separations are proposed at intersections with major highways and the Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railroad. The proposed facility on new location will require a minimum right-of-way width of 350 feet," Ramert said. The proposed right-of-way on all of the alternative routes will necessitate some displacements. LaGrange Journal.

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Demand For Rice Strong, Reported To Rice Council  
Americans are eating more rice and the demand for U. S. grown rice overseas is still strong. Over 250 rice growers and others from the rice industry heard these reports at the annual membership meeting of the Texas Rice Council held recently at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston.

The Rice Council for Market Development, the promotional voice of the U. S. rice industry, reported on current activities, all of which are geared to encourage increased consumption of U. S. rice both domestically and overseas.

Rice Council Executive Vice President Bill Goldsmith reported that interest in rice is high and that it continues to receive excellent coverage in consumer magazines, daily and weekly newspapers and in publications serving the foodservice industry. As an example, he cited *Success* magazine, which has featured rice in approximately 100 daily newspaper use a typical Rice Council color release.

Ann Thacker, Rice Council Director of Consumer Communications, introduced Angela Eason, Cathy McCreary and Kristen O'Brien, home economists who represent the Rice Council and work with radio, television and newspaper editors. Thacker reported on activities in over 55 cities during the last 90 days and showed tapes from several television shows on which they have appeared.

Si Grider, Director of International Relations, reported on the progress of rice promotion programs in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He also discussed the potential in several South American countries.

A business session included voting and tabulation for the Texas Rice Council Board of Directors. Seven new directors were elected to the Board. They included: Milton Beckendorf, Sr., representing Austin County; Craig Schmidt, Hallettsville, representing Lavaca County; and Charles Boettcher, East Bernard, representing Wharton County.

Among other members A. L. Rolf is Member Of Hereford Assn.

A. L. Rolf of Eagle Lake has been accepted into membership of the American Hereford Association, according to an announcement by H. H. Dickenson, Executive Vice President of the AHA. The American Hereford Association, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is the world's largest beef breed registry organization, having entered more than 17 million head into the records since it was founded in 1881. The Hereford breed, one of the oldest in the United States, is well known for its ability to convert grass and grain to beef efficiently.

## Portrait Special At Sportsman's Motel Feb. 25

Olan Mills studio will have a photographer at the Sportsman's Motel, in Eagle Lake from 1 to 8 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 25. For a portrait special. The firm will offer an 8x10 color portrait for only \$1.50. This offer is good for individuals or family groups, but the special offer is limited to one per family or one per person.

Wildcat Oil, Gas Test Staked West Of Altair  
A new wildcat test in the Altair area and abandonment of a well in the Wylie Field highlight oil and gas activity in this area. A wildcat venture seeking oil or gas is located a mile west of Altair in Colorado County in the Puerta Tierra Survey. The test is projected to 10,000-feet and will be made by Texas Oil and Gas Corp. The well has been designated as the No. 2 Parks B. The No. 3 Wintermann, a 10,220-foot probe in the Wylie Field in Colorado County has been plugged and abandoned as a dry hole by Denver's Trend Resource, Inc. The well was located 500 feet from the northwest line of the Frances Hundell Survey, Abstract 665.

Club Montezuma Holding Election Of Directors  
Club Montezuma is holding its annual mail ballot for new directors for the 1981 year and members are urged to return their ballots to secretary Brenda Cornman not later than this Saturday, Feb. 21st.

Mrs. Cornman noted in her letter to members that the membership is at an all-time low and needs to be rejuvenated. She also asked members to indicate their wishes on the number of adult dances to be sponsored by the club. Nominees for directorships include 9 men and 4 women to be elected: Bobby Johnson, Jimmy Wood, Marlene Miller, Jean Williams, Diana Brunner, Richard Clipson, Lynda Appelt, Gus Seaholm, DiAnne Causey and Ronnie Miller.

Attend Blumrich Funeral  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky were in Hallettsville on Monday, Feb. 9th to attend funeral services for Mrs. Victor Blumrich of Hallettsville, 86. Mrs. Blumrich, a relative of the Pustejovskys, died Feb. 7th in the Lavaca Medical Center. Her husband preceded her in death Mar. 23, 1978. Only a sister, Mrs. Laura Pangel of Hallettsville, survives.

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## Study Club Hears Program On 'Seasons Of America'

The Eagle Lake Study Club met in the conference room of the Eads and David Winterman Library at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, with the President Mrs. Alvin Wiese presiding.

The March Meeting will be on the subject of "Native Grasses" by Mrs. Quentin Steuts of Columbus. Reported the Philippines.

WCJC Green Room Players To Present One-Act Plays  
One of Shakespeare's finest works along with a warm portrayal of companionary life dramatized by Paul Zindel will be presented as one-act plays Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (February 18-20) in the Duane-Hanson Fine Arts Theatre at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

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